

February 14, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: MI-Access Coordinators, Special Education Contacts, and Other Michigan Educators and Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Linda Howley, Assessment Specialist, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability

SUBJECT: Opportunity to Provide Feedback on the Draft MI-Access Functional Independence Social Studies Extended Grade Level Content Expectations and Extended High School Content Expectations

The Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) is in the process of developing a new statewide social studies assessment for the MI-Access Functional Independence (FI) student population. The new assessment will be administered online (as opposed to a paper-and-pencil test) to students in grades 5, 8, and 11 in the spring of each school year.

As a first step in the assessment development process, the BAA brought together Michigan educators with expertise in social studies and/or the FI population and asked them to reduce the current state-assessable social studies Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) and High School Content Expectations (HSCE) in breadth, depth, and complexity so they would be appropriate for and meaningful to FI students. The extended GLCEs/HSCEs were then reviewed and revised by the BAA, reviewed again by the Michigan educators involved in the extension process, and are now being made available for field review via a collection of surveys.

If you are interested in being part of the review process, please go to www.michigan.gov/mi-access. A link to the draft extension documents and surveys can be found under the "What's New" tab. There is one document for grade 5, one for grade 8, and one for each discipline—Civics, Economics, U.S. History and Geography, and World History and Geography—covered in grade 11. Please print the draft extension document(s) you wish to review and make notes on it/them prior to accessing the survey tools.

When you are ready to provide feedback, click on the link for the survey(s) you would like to complete. (The links appear immediately below the corresponding EGLCE/EHSCE document on the MI-Access web page). **The surveys will be open from Thursday, February 14 to Monday, March 11, 2013.** Once the surveys are closed, the BAA will review the results, incorporate feedback as needed, and post final social studies EGLCEs/EHSCEs to the MI-Access web page in April 2013.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful review of the draft social studies EGLCEs/EHSCEs. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 517-241-2525 or send an e-mail to HowleyL@michigan.gov.

